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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Robert B. Chaffee  
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For: A FASTENER FOR USE WITH A FASTENING  
ELEMENT AND AN INFLATABLE DEVICE FOR USE  
WITH THE FASTENER  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Changes to the Specification and to the Claims are shown by strike through (for deleted matter) and underlining (for added matter).

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.